

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2739

Introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 8550 of the Government Code, relating to emergencies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2739, as introduced, Blakeslee. Emergencies.

The California Emergency Services Act confers emergency powers on the Governor and specified state officers and entities to mitigate the effects of natural, manmade, or war-caused emergencies that result in conditions of disaster or extreme peril to life and property.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8550 of the Government Code is amended
2 to read:
3 8550. The state has long recognized its responsibility to
4 mitigate the effects of natural, manmade, or war-caused
5 emergencies—~~which~~ *that* result in conditions of disaster or in
6 extreme peril to life, property, and the resources of the state, and
7 generally to protect the health and safety and preserve the lives
8 and property of the people of the state. To ensure that preparations

1 within the state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies, it
2 is hereby found and declared to be necessary:

3 (a) To confer upon the Governor and upon the chief executives
4 and governing bodies of political subdivisions of this state the
5 emergency powers provided herein; and to provide for state
6 assistance in the organization and maintenance of the emergency
7 programs of such political subdivisions.

8 (b) To provide for a state agency to be known and referred to
9 as the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA),
10 within the office of the Governor, and to prescribe the powers and
11 duties of the secretary of that agency.

12 (c) To provide for the assignment of functions to state agencies
13 to be performed during an emergency and for the coordination and
14 direction of the emergency actions of such agencies.

15 (d) To provide for the rendering of mutual aid by the state
16 government and all its departments and agencies and by the
17 political subdivisions of this state in carrying out the purposes of
18 this chapter.

19 (e) To authorize the establishment of such organizations and
20 the taking of such actions as are necessary and proper to carry out
21 the provisions of this chapter.

22 It is further declared to be the purpose of this chapter and the
23 policy of this state that all emergency services functions of this
24 state be coordinated as far as possible with the comparable
25 functions of its political subdivisions, of the federal government
26 including its various departments and agencies, of other states,
27 and of private agencies of every type, to the end that the most
28 effective use may be made of all manpower, resources, and
29 facilities for dealing with any emergency that may occur.